



Joseph Sadlon

January 16, 1931 - April 23, 2019

Joseph Sadlon Obituary

Joseph Sadlon Sr. age 88, of Clearwater, FL and Manteno, IL, passed away unexpectedly on April 23, 2019 at Tift Regional Medical Center in Tifton, GA. Joe was born on January 16, 1931 in Chicago, IL, the son of Steven and Anna Sadlon.

Joe served his country in the United States Army from May 15, 1948 to October 19, 1948 at Fort Knox, KY in the Armored Division. He then re-enlisted in the United States Marines from March 16, 1951 to September 26, 1951 at Camp Pendleton, in San Diego, CA in the Airborne Infantry Squadron receiving an M-1 Rifle Expert and Good Conduct Medals. He fought in the Korean War, and was shot in the back on Hill 261 in September 1951. He was a 30 year member of the American Legion Post 1941.

On December 2, 1950, Joe was united in marriage to Rosetta Felella in Chicago, IL. They moved to Berwyn, IL and raised 3 children. She preceded him in death on August 22, 1987. For the last 30 years, he spent his life with partner, Sandy Lane. They traveled between Illinois and Florida every year together.

Joe had his first job at the age of 10 shining shoes on the Cook County City Hall steps in Chicago, IL. He made his own shoebox and eventually had 6

other boys working for him. Joe loved watching old Western movies, especially John Wayne movies. While on leave from the Marines, Joe visited RKO Studios in Hollywood and became good friends with John Wayne. Joe was in the Golden Gloves in Chicago for 2 years and then raced stock cars at Soldiers Field until he hit a wall. He wanted to be an Architect and took drafting in school. He learned how to Set Type and worked as a Punchpress Operator at Cesco Steel Corp in Chicago, IL for a few years. He then became an over the road Semi truck driver until retiring.

Joe is survived by his partner, Sandy; son, Joseph (Margaret) Sadlon of Princeton, WI; two daughters: Joan Stouffer of Kenosha, WI and Christine Panico of Lakeland, FL; grandchildren: Steven Stouffer, Lisa (Murray) Kreeger, Jenny Shouffner, Joseph (Jennifer) Sadlon Kristy Sadlon, Anthony (Jennifer) Sadlon, James (fiancée Sarah) Panico and Daniel Panico; great grandchildren: Calvin and AnnMarie (special friend Trey) Shouffner, Madison and Delaney Stouffer Austin and Tyler Sadlon, Lyshon Sadlon-McIntosh; and Owen and Emerson Sadlon; great great granddaughter, Bella; many nieces, nephews and dear friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Rosetta; brother, Paul; and sons-in-law, Zane Stouffer and Tony Panico.

Per the wishes of the family, Joe will be cremated with a private Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. Reflection Cremation and Funeral Services in Tifton, GA is serving the Sadlon family during this difficult time.

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SB

“ Uncle Joe, I will miss your phone call's we had every time you came to Florida, and would call when you got back to Manteno. You will be miss very much. Love you.

Suzy Bostic - April 25, 2019 at 08:51 AM

JS

“ Uncle Joe you were like a Dad to me. You always took care of me physical and emotionally. Your advice was always right on. You and Aunt Ro were outstanding examples. You will be in my heart always. 🥺

Janice Mey Skupien(Janie) - April 24, 2019 at 07:47 PM

LS

“ Uncle Joe, you were an amazing man. You will be missed greatly by everyone in our family. My memories of camp fires, cub games, white tshirts and old style will always make me smile. Love ya and say hi to my dad. To all my cousins, I send all our love as you remember your dad, grandpa, and uncle. Hugs, Linnie

Lynn Skupien - April 24, 2019 at 07:32 PM

AS

“ Grandpa, you were a gentleman and a role model. I hope to be half the man you were! I will remember those talks we had by your recliner watching your westerns. I believe you are in a better place. “Good stuff Maynard!”

Anthony Sadlon - April 24, 2019 at 05:02 PM